

Appl. No. 10/065,123  
Amdt dated September 30, 2003  
Response to Office Action of June 30, 2003

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **Status of Application**

Claims 1-14 are pending in the subject application. Claims 3, 5, 7 and 8 are objected to by the Examiner. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 USC § 102. Claims 1-13 are considered allowable, assuming that the objections to claims 3, 5, 7 and 8 are complied with.

#### **Objections to the Drawings**

The drawings are objected to by the Examiner. In particular, Figures 1 and 2 should be labeled as prior art. In response, Applicants have amended Figures 1 and 2 to include the label "prior art". Amended Figures 1 and 2 are included in the attached replacement sheets for Examiner's approval.

#### **Objections to the Claims**

The Examiner objected to claims 3, 5, 7 and 8 because  $y$  in  $2^y$  is not clearly described or defined in the claims. In response, Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly define  $y$ . Applicants therefore submit that the objections to these claims are traversed.

#### **Rejections under 35 USC § 102**

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Fig. 2 of Applicants admitted prior art (AAPA). Applicants respectfully disagree. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claim 14 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claim in a continuation application. Since claim 14 has been cancelled, Applicants submit that the rejection based on 35 USC 102 (b) is moot.

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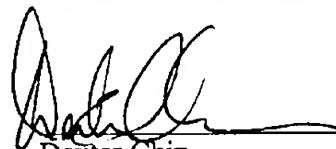
**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at his number set out below.

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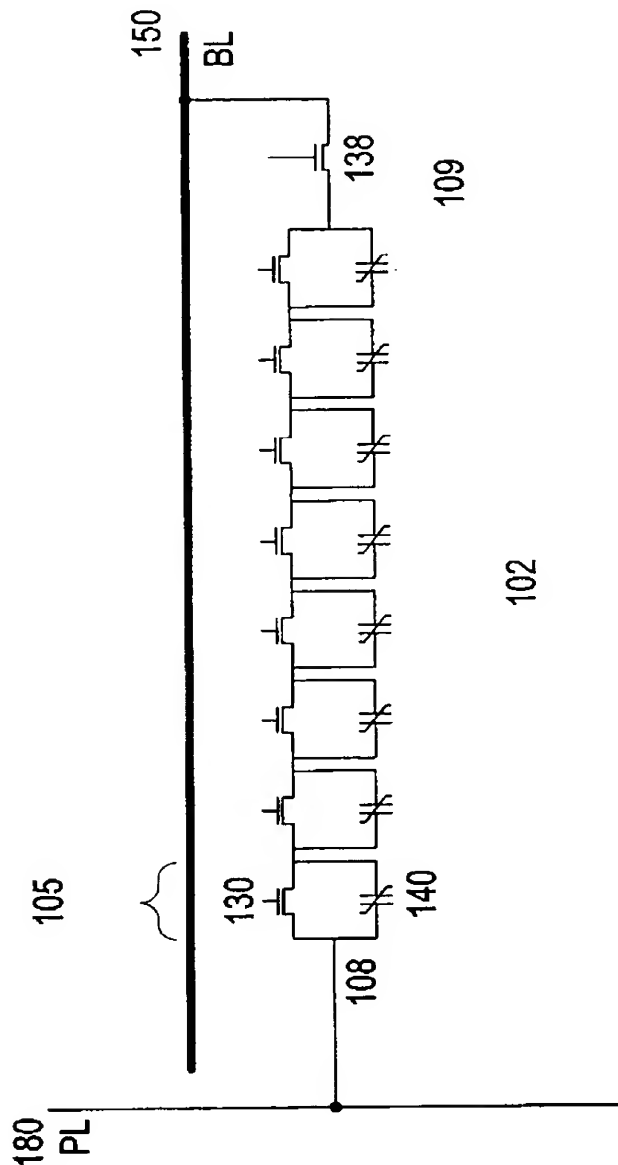
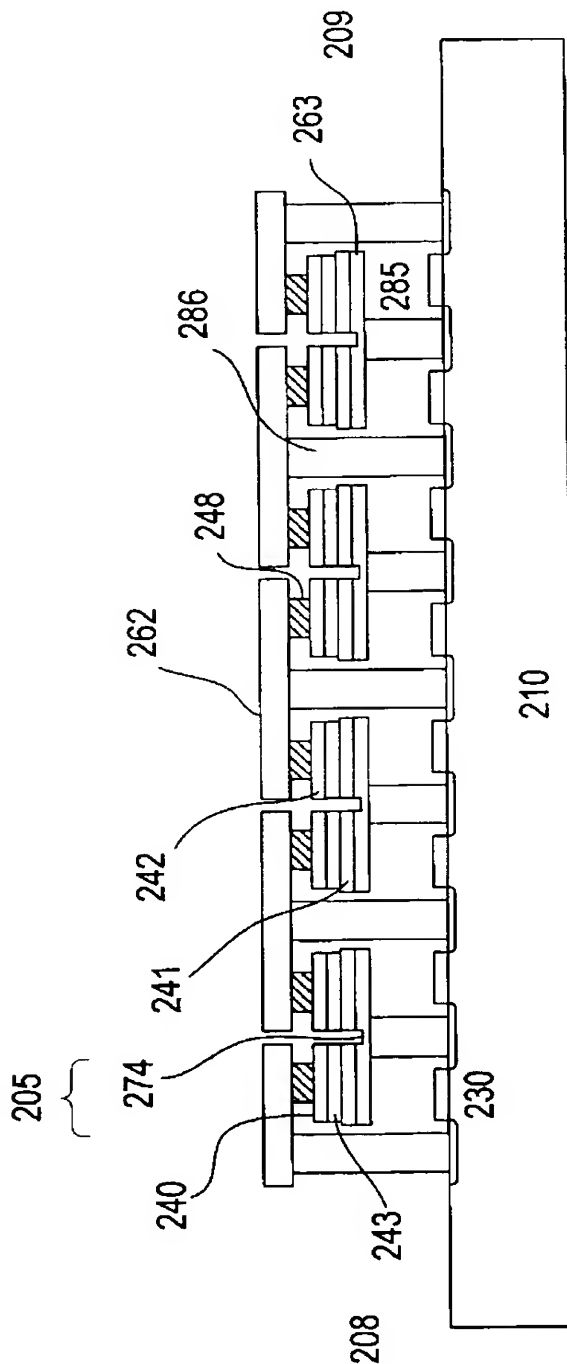


FIG 1

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FIG 2

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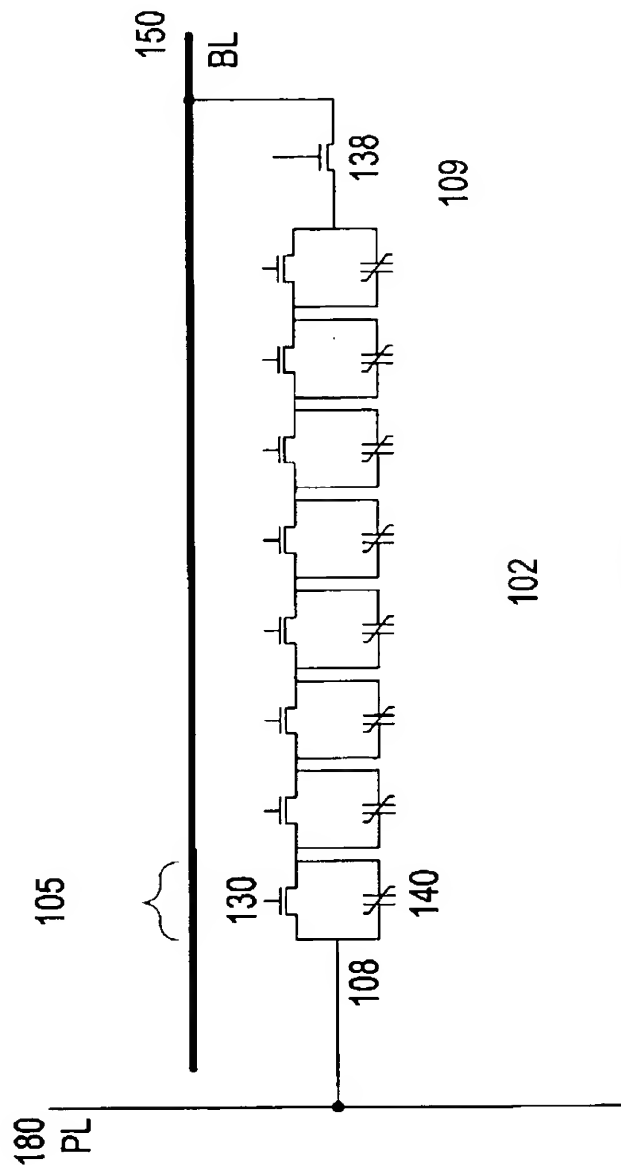
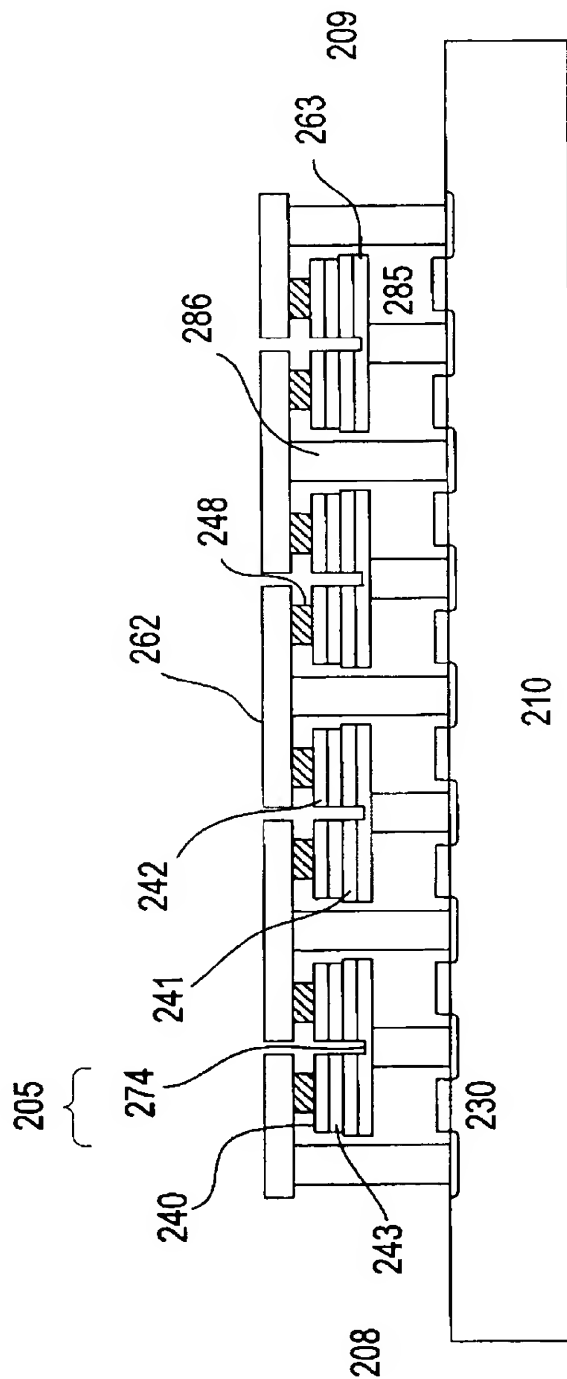


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 FIG 2  
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